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Thanks

.. to Northland Metal Industries for sponsoring Room 10's Newspapers in Education for 2010.

.. to those parents who attended this week's powhiri and / or morning tea for parents (and Mrs Bruce for organising the powhiri).

People of the Week

.. Andrew who won Junior Young Handler and numerous ribbons and Brad who won a ribbon in every class he entered at the Waimate Show last weekend.

.. Brad who won "Most Consistent Player" and "Most tries scored" (49 in season) for Hikurangi Rugby JB2.

.. Grace who won a trophy for coming 1st in the Junior Level 1 Cheerleading Awards.

.. Scotty who now holds 20 of 24 possible track and field records years 4 to 7. Nothing like this has ever been achieved before at our school. Well done Scott!

Virtue - RESPONSIBILITY

Congratulations to the following children who were selected by their classes as "Shining Examples" of the Responsibility Virtue. We hope your parents feel very proud of your efforts.

Rm 1	Caitlin	Rm 2	Nathan
Rm 3	Jessi	Rm 4	Tyla
Rm 4	Ben	Rm 5	Hunter
Rm 6	Maycee	Rm 7	HaJun
Rm 8	Drae	Rm 9	Daniel
Rm 9	Ruby	Rm 10	Laura
Rm 11	Mona-Lisa	Rm 12	Isaac
Rm 12	Andrew		

Prize Giving

Please keep the evening of Tuesday 14th December free for our annual prize giving. This evening will start 6.30pm and will conclude approx 8.30pm with a supper. Grandparents are welcome. **Families are asked to bring two plates please** for a shared supper - to be placed on tables which will be set up between Room 11 and the administration block. Remember that attendance on this night is quite optional for Year 1 students.

End of year prize giving - Pre-schoolers

If you have a pre-schooler who will be attending prize giving and you would like them to get a small bag of goodies on the night please give Helen a call.

Athletics Competitions - New records

Congratulations to the following children who set new school records over the past month in the events listed. Well done!

Name	Event	New Record	Name	Event	New record
Scott	Y7 Boys L.J.	4.60 m	Natasha	Y4 Girls H.J.	1.05 m
Scott	Y7 Boys Discus	31.0 m	Melissa	Y5 Girls L.J.	3.25 m
Scott	Y7 Boys Shot	9.39 m	Hazel	Y6 Girls Shot	8.27 m
Scott	Y7 Boys 75m	10.25 sec	Laura	Y6 Girls 150m	25.91 sec
Scott	Y7 Boys 150m	22.60 sec	Emily	Y7 Girls Discus	18.04 m
			Jonathan	Y8 Boys H.J.	1.41 m

Overdue Portfolios / Learner Journey Sheets

If you received a letter last week requesting return of the above to school, please send these along asap. These are important documents which will be needed early in the New Year. Thanks!

School Team Athletics Day

You might like to drop by Monday 13 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field events and culminate in competitive track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:30, lunch 12:00 to 12:30, prize giving 2:30 (approx.) Please ensure children have their sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear.

This year's sponsors .. Matarau Electrical and Xtreme Shampoo.

Final day of school 2010

.. is Thursday 16 December. Please note that **school finishes at mid day on this day** and so all **buses will run approximately 3 to 3.5 hours early depending on loadings**. Parents who pick their children up are asked to please do so at this earlier time.

Lost Property

Please drop by next week to check our lost property bin. Items remaining on the final day of school will be donated to charities.

Term 4 School Contributions

Reminder notices were sent out this week to those who have not paid term 4 school contributions. Please arrange payment next week.

Term Calendar

13 December	Team Athletics Day
14 December	Prize Giving
15 December	Year 8 Fun Day
16 December	Final day of school year (school finishes at 12:00)

Year 8 Leaving Books

These are due at school MONDAY please. Thank you parents for assisting with this.

Start Date for 2011

School will recommence on 3rd February 2011. Term 1 2011 finishes 15 April.

Classes for 2011

Class lists for 2011 were displayed on the hall notice board this afternoon.

School T-Shirts

If your child has borrowed a school T-Shirt please ensure this is returned to school (washed) a.s.a.p.

Final Accounts Marsden Bay Year 3 & 4 Camp 2010

<i>Description</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus/Deficit</i>
Year 4 Fees	\$3,500.00		
Year 3 Fees	\$1,640.00		
Total Income	\$5,140.00		
Accommodation		\$2,088.00	
Groceries		\$1,066.61	
Meat		\$373.90	
Kayak Hire		\$340.00	
Beach Safety Day		\$261.00	
Materials for Activities		\$169.60	
Compliance & Misc		\$710.26	
Total Expenses		\$5,009.37	
			\$130.63

Innovation Class - Camp Auckland

Camp - Auckland

Expenditure

Income

Camp Fees	\$ 5040	Venue Costs	\$ 1910.00
		Grocery Items	\$ 1255.64
		Activities	\$ 1333.34
		Miscellaneous	\$ 502.00
Total:	\$ 5000.98	Balance:	\$39.02

Innovation Class - General

Income

Budget \$4900.00

Expenditure:

Art Supplies	\$ 2734.26
Society of Arts Visit.	\$ 30.00
Dominion (NIE)	\$ 300.00
Art Station	\$ 1885.00

Total: **\$ 4949.26** **Balance:** - **\$ 49.26**

Skids Holiday Programme

Skids will again be offering a fun filled holiday programme from 20th to 24th December 2010 (half day) and from 17th to 28th January 2011. There will be options to book for full days, short days or even half days. Please register your interest by ringing or txt to 0278461724. Alternatively pop into the hall after school to find out more information.



Community Notices

For Rent- Near new 3 bedroom house double garage, Carr St, Kamo West, Ph 4355061 or 0211607513.

For Rent - Very large house divided into two completely separate homes, each with own parking and entrance, one upper and one lower - extensive insulation done in between floors, Quite Kamo cul-de-sac.

Lower home - available on 18/12 is 2 very large bedroom lower home has extra shelved large storage/laundry room also, heatpump/air con, new kitchen, fenced garden, freshly renovated, dishwasher etc covered private patio area \$250pw, pets by arrangement.

Upper home - Available 27/01/11 is 3 bedroom, 2 lounge home, complete renovation done, all new kitchen and bathroom, carpets etc, dishwasher, covered deck with fabulous rural views. Lg single garage with auto opener + OSP \$300pw. Call Hana for Trade Me # 4350230 or 0274352786.

For Rent - 5 mins from school. 3/4 bedrooms, huge decks, north facing, views and privacy. Incl 10 acres suitable for horses, if required. Ph 4335795.

Wanted to Rent - Family moving into the area is looking for home preferably in Kamo with a decent amount of trafficking passing daily (around \$300 pw). 3 bedrooms at least, double garaged required. Fenced would be great. Pls call Hana 4350230 or 0274352786.

For Rent - 3bdrm hse, Matarau Rd, approximately 3km from the school. Ph 4335814.

Wanted to Rent - Long term, modern house, 3-4 bedroom, in the Kamo area, very responsible tenant. Ph Jackie 4335504 or 0212852350.

Wanted - Horse grassing, Ruatangata/Pipiwai Rd area, for 1 horse and pony, both excellent with kids, other horses and all other animals. Please ph Lotus 0212465055.

Free to a Good Home - 2 pairs of chooks (or can have roosters only if wanted), 1x huge gentle Black Orpington rooster and his red shaver laying hen, 1x tiny white Polish Runner rooster (very virile despite his size!). A real character. May have a red shaver hen to keep him company if needed. Ph Hana 4350230 or 0274352786.

For Sale - Sheep Pellets /Horse Manure \$10 per big bag. Great fertiliser/mulch. Fundraiser for Kamo Swimming Club competitive swimmers attending Auckland Junior and Senior swimming meet, ph 4335735 or 0276100303.

Northland Youth Theatre - Week commencing 24th Jan at the old library \$30 per day, drama filled school holiday programme. Phone Rose 4384453 or email coordinator@nyt.org.nz.

School Holiday Swimming Lessons - Block courses, Mon 3rd Jan - Fri 14th Jan, 2 week course, \$60 per week. Enquires to Gayle on 4595323 or email gayle.swimsmart@gmail.com.

Marsden Wheelers Cycling Club - For riders from secondary school age to over sixty. For more info contact Ruth Jarman 0214382551.

Farr Out Gymnastics - Holiday programme, 3rd Jan - 4th Feb 2011. Includes gymnastics coaching, trampolining, outdoor tennis, soccer, obstacle courses, fun competitions and much more. Held at WAGS & Kamo Tennis courts. \$30 per day. Contact Ben on 4338985.

Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics - Play gym for preschoolers, gym fun and competitive gym for school age, trampoline competitions also. Spaces now available for 2011. Phone Marianne 4352990 Mon-Thur or email wags.gym@xtra.co.nz.

School Security

Please assist by keeping a close eye on the school on evenings and weekends. If you notice anything suspicious please phone United Security (4301992) or Steve Martin (4335061) and take registration numbers of suspicious vehicles. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Reports

The report contains statements on your child's effort and attainment in key learning areas and with respect to their social skills and work habits. These statements are summative - meaning that they have been formed after consulting multiple sources of information gathered over the course of the year. They also incorporate teacher judgements based on literally thousands of interactions with your child over the course of the year. Although this report is principally for you, please feel free to share it with your child. Draw attention to their successes and perhaps identify some areas for future focus.

Finally, remember that no single method of reporting should stand alone. Impressions need to be weighed against those from other methods of reporting including early and mid year interviews, portfolios, student achievement data and so forth. Please congratulate your child on our behalf for the gains they have made.

Staffing 2011

I am pleased to announce 2011 staffing as follows ..

Teaching staff	Support staff
Room 1 Mrs Robertson Year 0 (starts mid-year)	Teacher Aides
Room 2 Mrs Bruce Year 1	Mrs Newmann
Room 3 Mrs G. Williams Year 1 and 2	Mrs Nisha
Room 4 Miss Hewitt Year 2	Mrs Crawford
Room 5 Mrs Abbott / Mrs Sloper Year 2 and 3	Mrs Wynyard
Room 6 Miss Bevin Year 3 and 4	Mrs Veenis
Room 7 Mrs Burgin Year 4 and 5	Information Technology
Room 8 Mr Schuster Year 5 and 6	Mrs Sullivan
Room 9 Mrs Witte Year 5 and 6	Administration
Room 10 Mrs J William Year 7 and 8	Mrs Dorahy
Room 11 Mrs Donaldson Year 7 and 8	Mrs Cates (ESOL)
Room 12 Mr Delemare Year 7 and 8	Mrs Sinclair
Special needs Mrs Comrie (ESOL)	Caretaker / Grounds
Dep. Principal - Mrs Bruce / Assis. Principal - Mr Delemare / Senior teacher - Mrs Burgin	Mr Palmer

A special invitation to parents

Prize Giving is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the year, as well as acknowledging those children who have achieved exceptionally well in a variety of domains. These children model some of the attributes we would like to see in all children, and perhaps even in ourselves. We invite you to enter the spirit of prize giving and to celebrate a special moment EVERY time a child goes onto the stage.

We owe these children a great deal for the examples they set - please join with us to celebrate these achievers.

A Final Special Thanks to

Our sponsors for their generous Contributions to our School

Staff for efforts, beyond the call of duty

The Board for its unswerving dedication to duty

Children for striving to attain your goals (and for supporting others towards the same end)

To the many parents etc. who have given their time to help in classrooms, camp, sports days, transport

To those who have given us the benefit of the doubt when things didn't quite turn out right.

Remember .. 12:00 o'clock finish on Thursday 16 December. Buses will leave at this earlier time. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Best wishes to those who end their association with us this year - we hope you will reflect positively on your period of involvement with our school.

Ana a final final thought

Not infrequently we find ourselves advising siblings in dispute of the importance of getting on with each other. We remind them they will be brothers / sisters for life and they should aim to be each others very best friends. Over the past month I noticed a brother taking a very keen interest in his elder brother's performances in lunchtime athletics competitions. He was a spectator at nearly every one of his brother's events, advised when his brother was away so that a favourite event did not proceed without him, showed delight at his brother's performances, and even checked the measurements / times to ensure they were right. I guess that makes him a winner too.

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Regards
Kevin Trehwella
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